

EDUCATIONAL CREDENTIAL EVALUATORS

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2017

ANNUAL REPORT FOR ECE® AID,
A PROGRAM OF ECE

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ECE®



Dear Friends,

People who cross borders have written the history of our world. Women and men on the move have farmed, explored, built, invented, healed, taught, and dreamed. Without the constant curiosity and inextinguishable hope of immigrants, our world would be a very different place. For over 37 years we have served those who have sought a new home by ensuring that their education is fairly and accurately valued.

In 2017 we hardened our resolve to ensure that migrants who needed their education interpreted would get the support they needed. Through our ECE® Aid program we are serving refugees and others in need to obtain a high-quality credential evaluation. Our ECE® Aid reports have helped a Syrian refugee enter graduate school and a Sudanese father search for employment in his chosen profession. Thanks to our generous donors, who include many foreign-educated people who are "paying it forward," our modest goals have surpassed our expectations. In 2017 we provided free evaluation reports for 64 people in need.

In addition to serving those in dire need, we helped over 30,000 other people from around the world ensure that their education was understood and put to good use. Reports facilitated the appropriate admission of students into undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs. Our reports helped dentists and pharmacists and other health professionals enter the practice of professions to the benefit of neighbors in their new country. Our evaluations have assisted parents obtain jobs so that they can better support their families. Owing to ECE properly assessing the education completed in other countries, our world community benefits from the efforts and energy of those whose education would otherwise have been unrecognized and gone to waste.

Our staff is dedicated to studying and understanding educational systems around the world and putting that knowledge to use in aid of others. We do not stop with evaluation reports. We value sharing our knowledge. Our staff provides training and helps colleagues through volunteer activities and participation in professional association activities. The ECE® Connection, our popular online community, provides free resources and advice so that colleagues around the world can access high-quality assistance that will help immigrants and international students in their communities.

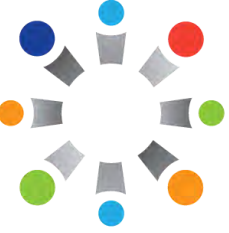
As we redouble our efforts to ensure that immigrants, international students, and refugees receive the educational recognition that benefits our global community, we are grateful to all of our donors and supporters.

Please join us in continuing to support those brave people who dare to cross into new worlds as they continue our shared human journey.

Thank you on behalf of those with education from around the world,

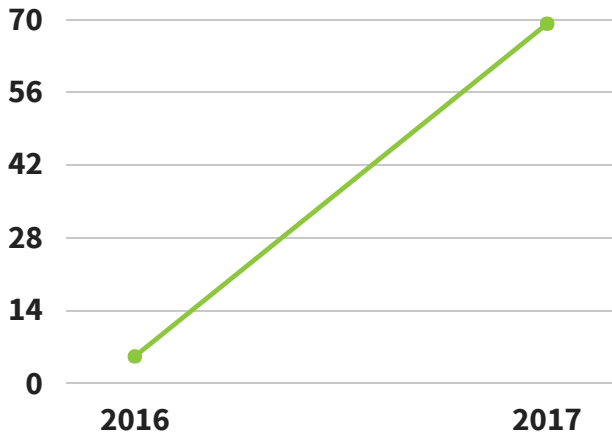
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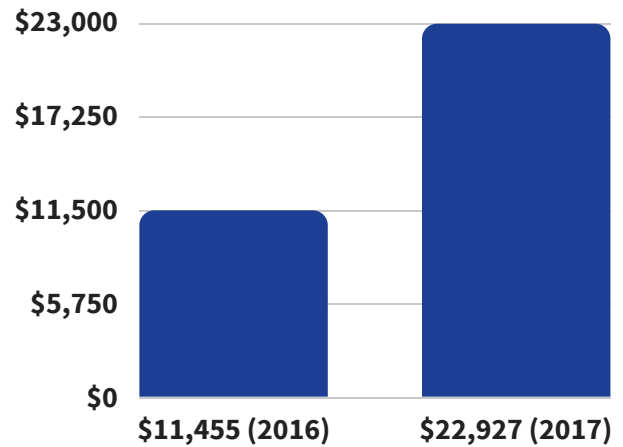
ECE[®] Aid ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Completed ECE[®] Aid evaluations



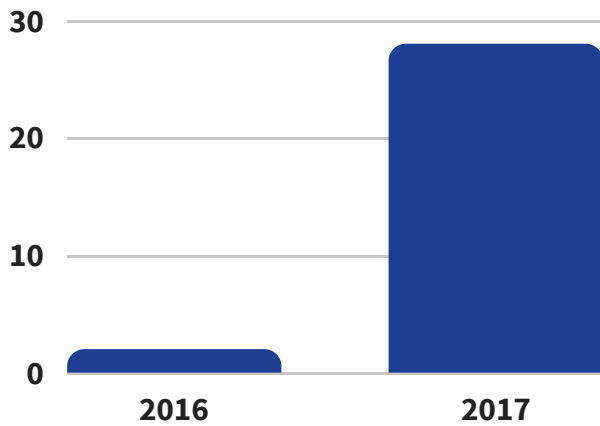
Completed evaluations receiving ECE[®] Aid fee waivers increased from 5 in the last half of 2016 to 69 in 2017!

ECE[®] Aid funds raised

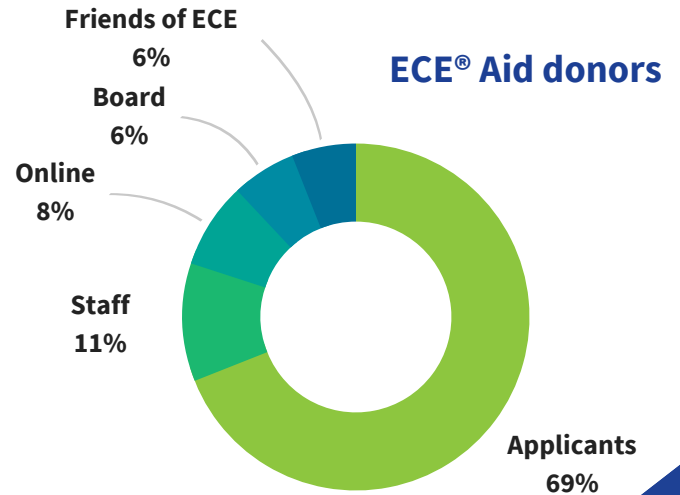


Donations in 2017 reached \$22,927 to bring the total of funds raised since ECE[®] Aid launched in August 2016 to \$34,382.

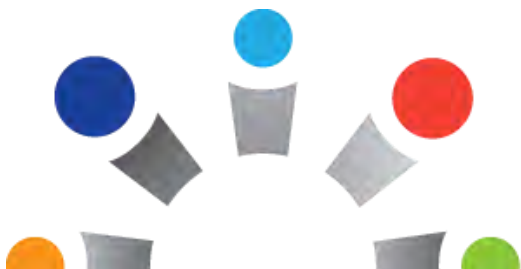
ECE[®] Aid participating institutions and organizations



Participating institutions and organizations increased from 2 at the launch of ECE[®] Aid in August 2016 to 28 in 2017!



Past and present ECE[®] applicants, ECE[®] staff, ECE[®] board of directors, and friends put ECE[®] Aid in a sound financial position.



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In 2017 ECE[®] Aid provided fee waivers for recipients from 28 different countries. Here are just two of their stories:

Rehab is from Damascus, Syria. She studied engineering for five years and graduated from Damascus University with a bachelor's degree in mechanical and textile engineering. She fled her war-torn country in 2015 looking for a safe place for her and her family to live. Once she arrived in America, Rehab enrolled in an English as a Second Language program (ESL). However, Rehab knew in order to find a better job she would have to figure out a way to use the degree she had already worked so hard to earn.

Rehab soon discovered Upwardly Global, an organization that helps skilled immigrants and refugees rebuild their careers in the United States. As a trusted participant of the ECE[®] Aid initiative, Upwardly Global awarded a fee waiver to Rehab. She received her completed credential evaluation soon after sending her educational documents to ECE. While she job hunts, Rehab has decided to utilize volunteering as her way to master the English language.



"I would like to thank you so much for the work that you've done to evaluate my degrees. I think this evaluation will be the big opportunity I need to advance my education and get a good job in the U.S."



Tarig O is from Khartoum, Sudan, and was born at the end of the first civil war. From a young age Tarig dreamed of becoming an entrepreneur.

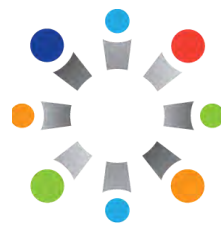
Tarig worked at night to pay for his college fees. He was going to college in the middle of the second Sudanese civil war and also helped to support his mother, father, and siblings.

Eventually, he graduated from Sudan University of Science and Technology with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a master's degree in construction management.

On his quest to become an entrepreneur, Tarig decided it was best to leave Sudan. He imagined America would provide new opportunity within his field, and a more stable foundation not only for him, but also for his two daughters. Yet, since arriving to America, Tarig has struggled to find a job or any sort of work at all.

Determined to provide for his small family, Tarig contacted Upwardly Global. They awarded Tarig an ECE[®] Aid fee waiver, and he has begun using his ECE evaluation to look for jobs in his profession.


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PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

In 2017 our goal was to raise \$24,000.

 We reached \$22,927 by year-end.

 Of the available funds, \$13,095 were used for ECE[®] Aid fee waivers.

 \$10,045 were earmarked for ECE[®] Aid fee waivers already in process.

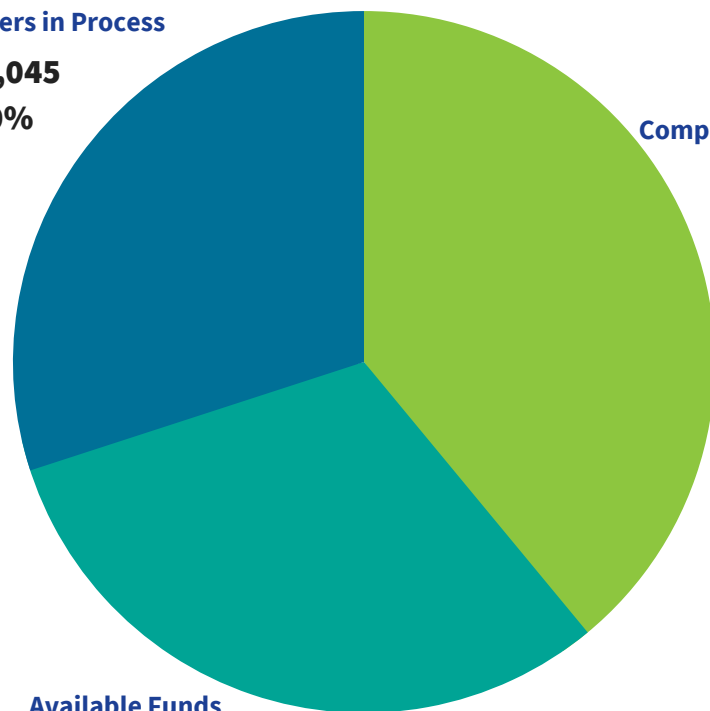
 By the end of 2017, \$10,282 of funds were available for those in need of a fee waiver.

Fee Waivers in Process

\$10,045
30%

Completed Evaluations

\$13,095
39%



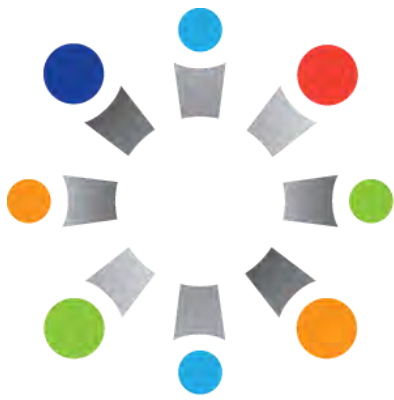
Available Funds

\$10,282
31%

No donations received are directed to the general operating fund.

A copy of the current ECE[®] Form 990 is available upon request by contacting Educational Credential Evaluators at PO Box 514070, Milwaukee, WI 53203.





ECE[®] Aid

Help us achieve our goals!

A donation to ECE[®] Aid will transform a person in fragile circumstances into an integrated and productive member of society.

A gift to ECE[®] Aid...

- 🌟 Opens the door to refugee education and/or professional fulfillment
- 🌟 Provides an experienced workforce in high-demand occupations
- 🌟 Protects public safety through credential checks

Donate today!

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Read about some of the people ECE[®] Aid has helped:

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